

REMARKS

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 9, 2005, it is noted that the claims section of the previously filed amendment did not list all of the canceled claims. The foregoing replacement amended claims section corrects this error by listing claims 1 to 12 as being canceled. The Notice indicates that claims 1 to 13 should be listed as canceled, but the preliminary amendment filed with this application on April 14, 2004, canceled claims 1 to 12 only.

It is respectfully requested that the corrected amended claim listing submitted herewith be used in place of the amended claim listing of the previously filed amendment. It is submitted that the arguments made in the Remarks section of the previously-filed amendment, deal with all the claims as amended herewith, when considered in connection with all outstanding grounds of objection and rejection. It is believed that all of the claims remaining in this application, specifically claims 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18 should now be allowable. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If there are any outstanding objections or rejections which could be dealt with by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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